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- REMARKS -

Applicants thank the Examiner for her many courtesies in the interview of August 12, 2005. Although no final agreement was reached, Applicant believes that progress was made.

Claim 15 has been amended to correct a typographical error and not to avoid any reference.

1. Claims 1-5, 15, 19, 21-24 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Straube in view of Bose

The 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 1-5, 15, 21-24 and 26 is traversed.

In order to maintain this §103(a) rejection, each and every element of the claimed invention must be taught or suggested, in at least as great detail as claimed, by the references, alone or in combination. Because the references do not teach or suggest each and every element, as detailed below, this rejection must fail.

Claim 1 is patentable over the prior art, because the prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest "operating said event master server to store said sequence number within said master directory database" as claimed in claim. At most, the references teach or suggest operating an EventRequest manager to assign a unique sequence number for each EventData item to the message. See, ¶83 of Bose. Straube does not cure this defect.

As discussed in the interview, the references, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest:

operating said event service server to provide said event notification to an event client server in response to said replication of said sequence number to said replicate directory database, as claimed in claims 2 and 4;

an event client server operable to provide an event notification to said directory client, wherein said event service server is further operable to provide said event notification to said event client server when said first sequence number is less than or equal to said second sequence number, as claimed in claim 15;

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an event client server operable to provide an event notification to at least one directory client when said sequence number is being stored within said replicated directory database, as claimed in claim 19; or

an event client server operable to notify at least one directory client based on the replication to each replicate directory database as claimed in claim 21.

The teachings of the references relate to an inherited information propagator for objects (Straube) and a system, method and applications real-time messaging over http-based protocols (Bose). The references make no teachings regarding actions *after* information has been propagated.

Additionally, claim 3 requires that event notification is provided to at least one directory client registered to receive said event notification. Neither Straube nor Bose, alone or in combination, teaches such a limitation.

Claim 5 requires operating an event client server to provide said event notification to at least one directory client registered to receive said event notification. Neither Straube nor Bose, alone or in combination, teaches such a limitation. Similarly, claim 26 requires a directory client register configured to allow each directory client to selectively register for one or more event services. Neither Straube nor Bose, alone or in combination, teaches such a limitation.

The objection to claim 25 is traversed, as claim 25 depends from claim 21, which is patentable over the prior art as outlined above.

Withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1-5, 15, 19, 21-24 and 26 and the objection to claim 25 is requested.

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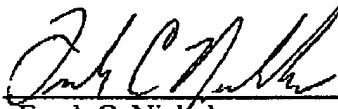
CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-5, 15, 19, and 21-26 fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested.

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